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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The Star is in receipt of Governor Albert W. Gilchrist's message to the Florida legislature, which was read to that body today. It is a voluminous document, covering 70 pages, pamphlet form, with half-dozen pages extra, giving lines permitted and pardons granted to convicted parties since 1907, numbering 147 subjects. It is so voluminous that it is impossible to print it in the Star and we will indicate a few of the many topics treated by his excellency for the consideration of the working branch of the state.

On the margin is a slip with the words: "To be released April 6, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m. and not sooner." He opens with a statement of the general condition of the state, population, literacy, health and general progress. Then a treatise on due process of law, pure food inspectors, railroad commission, primary elections, county convicts, pardons, public debt, disposition of timber in navigable streams, state troops, drainage tax, taxation of Pullman cars, assessed valuations, Florida banks, license tax, express companies, graduated inheritance tax, homestead in drainage districts, pensions by Florida, directing them all in liberality; recommendation of judges, among them our W. S. Bullock, who favors a cash bond in criminal cases; repeal of the \$50 reward clause for information against those selling liquor without a license; saying it fosters perjury, etc.; constitutional amendments and the cost of printing same; school funds, how derived; school district tax, one or more high schools for each county; recommendations of adjutant general; state board of health; hospital for insane; advertising the resources of the state; town and city charters; silver service for battleship Florida; lobbying; Abraham Lincoln, desiring the day of his birth be made a legal holiday in Florida; internal improvement fund; hands conveyed to state board of education; drainage; school Indian war claim and its history; school fund investment; laws going into effect on approval of the governor; state printing; railroad transportation passes, editors, families of employees, favoring passes to editors for advertising; deficiencies, of which there is \$117,000, caused by pension bill appropriations not paid, \$25,000 for lock at Lake Hopewell, \$130,000 for uniform system of public schools; \$120,000 for state aid to public schools based on attendance; \$80,000 for state aid to extend term; \$15,000 to erect a monument on the battlefield of Chickamauga to memory of Florida troops; \$4,000 to West Florida Fair, also \$30,000 to fair at Tampa.

It will be seen the governor has been busy noting the condition of affairs in Florida and in all these matters has made many judicious suggestions and recommendations.

PENSIONS HELD UP

The old Confederate veterans have received notice from the comptroller's office at Tallahassee which fills them with sadness. There is no money available in the pension fund and until the legislature makes some provision for their payment the pensions will not be sent out for the quarter commencing with April 1st. The pension roll is enormous and takes a lot of money. The law passed by the last legislature gave all veterans pensions whether they were in need of them or not and the amount required is so large that there could be but the result that has now been reached. What action the present legislature will take remains to be seen, both as to temporary relief and for permanent measures.

CAPT. DITTO FEELS RELIEVED

Capt. W. L. Ditto, one of our oldest citizens and a close weather observer, has been on uneasy street for the past month on account of the weather and the growing crops. Marion county has never had such a large acreage or so promising a crop of vegetables, cantaloupes, melons and field crops before, and the captain has been fearful lest the tender vegetation be killed by a frost. Twice since he has resided in Marion county Capt. Ditto has seen killing frosts in April, once on the 7th and once earlier in the month. Both times he was a heavy loser, therefore, he says, he always feels uneasy for fear a frost will visit us until after April 7th has passed, and as tomorrow is the 7th and today the weather is so warm, he breathes easy. Most truck growers in this section feel perfectly easy after March 20th and few ever fear a frost after the 10th that is severe enough to kill.

B. F. Morris, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was in town this morning. He came down from Fairfield, where he is assisting Messrs. Jennings and Tate with their trucking operations. Mr. Morris takes all his sight seeing foot on touring cars for him. Over his shoulder he slings a sack containing his portable property and his wardrobe and as he views nature and the arts of man in his journeys through his vale of tears he smiles and smiles and all is sunshine in his heart. He made the Star a pleasant call to borrow some exchanges to note as he trudges merrily along the doings of this old world of ours.

Mr. M. E. Robinson, the popular Tampa shoe drummer, was in town today interviewing the trade and circulating a petition asking the A. C. L. railroad to pass the line which is naturally lower in old age. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects urinary troubles, stimulates the kidneys, and restores strength and vigor. It cures uric acid troubles by strengthening the kidneys so they will strain out the uric acid that settles in the muscles and joints causing rheumatism. Sold by all druggists.

Among the out of town people in the city today were J. J. Nelson, Bellevue; Bradford Webb, Kendrick; R. Perry and daughter, Pedro; M. F. Townsend and son, N. J. Townsend; Martin; McIntosh, and a large number of veterans.

Miss Bertha Snow, the teacher of the Eaton Creek school, has closed the school and called on Supt. J. H. Brinson this morning, returning home with her father, Dr. Snow, to Pedro. Miss Beck was also in the city this morning, having closed her school at Dallas and left for her home at Berlin.

ION L. FARRIS ELECTED

Speaker of the House of Representatives by a Big Majority Over His Opponents

Tallahassee, April 6.—After a most spectacular fight in which every inch of ground was vigorously contested and ready perception of situations and ingenuity of action were paramount at all stages, Ion L. Farris of Duval county, was nominated for speaker of the house of representatives at the caucus last night over two other candidates, Alexander of Volusia and Robertson of Suwannee county. MacWilliams of St. Johns, and Carter of Alachua having retired from the race. The vote was Farris, 39; Alexander, 13; Robertson, 16.

The nomination was a high tribute to the efficiency and popularity of Mr. Farris as well as to the fidelity of his friends. He is in every way qualified to fulfill the official duties on every line of work and the lower house chose wisely.

J. G. Kellum of Alachua was unanimously re-elected chief clerk. For assistant chief clerk, Charles O. Rivers of Columbia county and J. C. Maine of Bradford county. Rivers received a majority of six votes and was declared the winner.

For bill clerk George B. Dickinson of Orange county was elected unanimously.

For reading clerk Nat R. Walker was elected by acclamation. For assistant reading clerk E. W. B. Lanier and Morris Michelson were nominated. Michelson won by a vote of 63 to 4.

For enrolling clerk Dr. York was nominated by acclamation. For enrolling clerk, C. M. Brown and B. F. Henstead were nominated. The former won by a vote of 40 to 28.

For recording clerk R. A. Gray was nominated by acclamation.

HUDSON BEAT HUMPHRIES

For President of the Senate—Our Senator Baker Presided as President Pro Tem

Tallahassee, April 6.—After a day of hard work on both sides Frederick M. Hudson of the thirteenth district, was elected president of the Florida Senate over Joseph H. Humphries of the twenty-seventh district last night by a vote of 18 to 17. Senator Baker of the twentieth was made president pro tem by acclamation and Charles A. Finney of Lake City secretary without opposition. Officers and attaches were then elected as follows: Assistant secretary, A. C. Sellars; bill secretary, C. O. B. Young, reading secretary, Nat P. Smith; enrolling secretary, R. A. Smith; enrolling secretary, Charles Sams; sergeant-at-arms, E. C. Williamson; messenger, Elmer McCreary; chaplain, Rev. S. M. Morand; doorkeeper, T. A. McLaughlin; Arthur Kersall, pages; Jeff Davis Beard, John Gambliss, Elmore Collins.

A LEGISLATIVE DAY

Tallahassee, April 6.—Mr. Thomas J. Appleyard, successor to Mr. Claude L'Engle in the business of state printing, will launch out on Wednesday into daily journalism. The new paper will be called the Daily News and will be specially devoted to legislative items. The local interests of the News will be looked after by Miss Alice Appleyard of Lake City, who is accounted one of the best women writers in the state. Mr. Claude L'Engle opens today his "People's Lobby" in the old armory building opposite the capitol, on Monroe street. Mr. L'Engle has fitted up this place at his own expense and extended a cordial invitation to all representatives, both of the senate and the house, to meet at the lobby for discussion of public measures. Mr. L'Engle says he has no personal axe to grind, but that he is deeply interested in several bills, the passage of which will be of great benefit to the state at large, and for these he intends working with his accustomed vigor.

IF YOU ONLY KNEW

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The coroner's jury headed by Judge Bell viewed the body of Isaac Draft at Martin yesterday. It seems that he was a colored Baptist preacher, had officiated that night near his home, to which he returned after the service. It looks as though he was shot in the back in his own yard and then the body dragged into the street. The coroner's jury will not make its report before tomorrow.

Children especially like Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. It not only heals irritation and allays inflammation, thereby stopping the cough, but it also moves the bowels gently and in that way drives the cold from the system. It contains no opiates. Sold by all druggists.

Among the people seen in town today from the country were Frank Turner, Brady Pond and Dow Beck of Cottage Hill. These gentlemen say there will be no pears this year. The trees did not bloom.

If you have a backache and urinary troubles you should take Foley's Kidney Remedy to strengthen and build up the kidneys so they will act properly, as a serious kidney trouble may develop. Sold by all druggists.

Our friend, Tom R. Gary, will please accept our thanks for a very fine roll of Florida butter. It was rich in color and flavor and as good as the best.

People past middle life usually have some kidney or bladder disorder, and the vitality which is naturally lower in old age. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects urinary troubles, stimulates the kidneys, and restores strength and vigor. It cures uric acid troubles by strengthening the kidneys so they will strain out the uric acid that settles in the muscles and joints causing rheumatism. Sold by all druggists.

J. B. Booth and J. B. Booth, Jr., of Orange Hammock, were in town today and appeared before the board of county commissioners, with whom Mr. Booth deposited \$500 raised by the orange growers of Orange Hammock to build a hard road into Altoona, so as to facilitate the shipment of the orange crop. The county commissioners met them in the proper spirit and will build two miles of good road for every mile paid for by the Orange Hammock people. When the hard road is completed the orange growers will buy an auto to move their oranges to the railroad.

THE JAPANESE KUDZU VINE

The New Forage, Nitrogen-Producing Plant so Rapidly Coming Into Prominence in Florida

Plants that will grow forage and that will at the same time put nitrogen into the soil and act as a covering or protection to the land, have a value that is daily being recognized by the farmer and all those interested in agricultural pursuits and stock raising.

Below we give an article from the pen of E. C. Pleas, of Chipley, Fla., that will be read with deep interest by the farming class and all those interested in stock raising. Mr. Pleas has the distinction of having introduced and propagated the Japanese Kudzu vine, the greatest thing yet discovered as a forage and covering plant, as well as a nitrogen gatherer.

"The question of permanent pasture is a most important one to the southern farmer, for to successfully raise stock he must have permanent pasture of good quality, something better than the native wire grass, carpet grass or Bermuda grass. These are all desirable in the absence of anything better, but all combined fall short of keeping stock in perfect condition throughout the summer and fall, even when stock have free access to an unlimited area.

"The time is not far off when the farmer can no longer depend on the public range, and even now it pays to grow more forage in the field. We have for winter pasture oats, rye and timothy. The native grasses for a while in the spring, and the velvet bean in the fall, but there is a gap between that can only be filled by the frequent planting and cultivation of various annuals, more or less unsatisfactory.

"The forage plant that will tide the farmer and stock raiser over the long, hot, dry summer, as well as the rainy season, will fill a long felt want. Kudzu will do it.

An Ideal Pasture Plant

"After several years' experience with the Kudzu vine (pueraria thembergiana), I find it a most admirable forage for this purpose. What is more, it is perennial; it is one of the first things to start in the spring, and stays by us until after killing frosts.

"It is ready to pasture here in west Florida (latitude 31 degrees) by April 1, or even earlier, having the ground thoroughly covered with new growth by that time, and if cut for hay, can be cut May 1, making a much greater growth by May as the velvet bean makes in an entire season. It comes again quickly after cutting, and in two weeks' time has the ground all obscured. It is more easily cured than the velvet bean, which it greatly resembles in appearance and manner of growth. But it only needs to be planted once and cultivated the first season, taking care of itself after that, and all the owner needs to do is to keep it cut, if wanted for hay, or to turn the stock from one lot to another in pasturing. When divided into three or four lots and pastured in succession, more stock can be supported on a given area than by allowing them full range.

History of the Kudzu

"Kudzu is a native of Japan, and its history in the United States dates back to the Centennial at Philadelphia, in '76, when it was brought over by the Japs. It made the headlines at the exposition. It served many purposes in Japan, being used as an ornamental vine as well as a forage. A fine quality of starch and also fibre are made from its pulp. There it is planted on rocky hillsides and waste places, and land that would be otherwise practically useless is thus made to yield good returns. It has been pointed out that most all the fruits, flowers and other botanical introductions from Japan have proven desirable acquisitions to American agriculture.

"The Kudzu vine is no exception, and I believe is destined soon to become the most important plant introduced in the south since the advent of cotton. While it has been grown in the United States for over thirty years as an ornamental vine, it remained for me to discover its greatest possibilities as a forage plant for the south. I had secured a few seed from Japan to try it as a shade for our summer house on the front lawn. The first year it made only a few feet of growth, but the second year it sent out long, trailing vines all over the grass, and after the lawn mowed had passed over it, the large dead leaves looked so bad we decided to get rid of it.

Discovered by Chance

"The next spring, 1904, I grubbed them all out and was going to throw them on the brush pile, but my wife proposed planting them around it to see if they would not cover it and hide it from the view. It was necessary to receive trimmings from the trees, roses, etc., about the grounds. So three plants were set out around it, and by the fall of 1905 they had covered a space of about 50x80 feet (all that is available between our garden, barn, drive and neighbor's pasture lot) to a depth of two and one-half feet, practically as is shown in the accompanying photograph.

"It was not until the vines began creeping through the bars to the horse shed and the fence near the neighbor's side that I suspected its value as stock feed. My horse simply got down on his knees, reached under and nipped every leaf that came within two feet of the bars, while the neighbor's horse, when turned into the adjoining lot, would make for the Kudzu vines the first thing and never leave until the last leaf in reach was eaten.

Rich in Nutrition

"I began to investigate. I cut some of it for hay, and found it cured much quicker than the velvet bean or cow pea hay, and subsequent experience has proven it retains its bright green color even after exposure to the light and air for a year, and I have never smelled sweeter hay.

"I sent a small bale of the hay to the commissioner of agriculture at Tallahassee for examination, and here is what the state chemist, Capt. R. E. Rose, says about it, in part: 'Dear Sir: I enclose result of analysis of Japanese Kudzu vine hay. It compares favorably with cowpea and velvet bean hay. Your sample was particularly well cured and put up. Find the analysis of the sample is above the average farm cured hay.'

Starch

Protein	Sugar	Fibre	Fat
Cowpea	16.9	42.20	20.1
Velvet Bean	14.7	41.00	29.7
Beggarweed	21.7	39.20	24.7
Kudzu	16.59	32.81	40.09

"The analysis shows a little better than cowpea or velvet bean, but not quite so good as the beggarweed. 'Yours truly, R. E. ROSE.'

Nature and Growth, Etc.

"Thus it will be seen that the Kudzu is second in point of feed value,

"The Blood Is The Life"

Science has never gone beyond the above statement of scripture. But it has illuminated that statement and given it a meaning ever broadening with the increasing breadth of knowledge. When the blood is "bad" or impure it is not alone the body which suffers through disease. The brain is also clouded, the mind and judgement are affected, and an evil disease impus, thought, but is directly traced to the impurity of the blood. Pure blood can be made pure by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures and purifies the blood thereby curing, pimples, blotches, eruptions and other cutaneous affections, as eczema, tetter, or salt-rheum, hives and other manifestations of impure blood.

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and when we consider its many other good qualities, it stands easily at the head of the list.

"As stated before, it is perennial and closely resembles the velvet bean (belonging to the same great order of plants, Leguminosae), but one planting and cultivating the first season serves for a life time, if desired.

"Stock do not seriously injure the vines by tramping on them, as with the velvet bean, and even if they do, the vines having rooted where touching the ground, quickly put out new growth. It does not have to be cut at any certain time, as with most forage plants, but the earlier it is cut and the oftener, the more hay it will produce. It seems best adapted as a pasture, however, as one would experience the same trouble in harvesting the first cutting, each season, as with a great deal of after cutting, the being of short time growth, thickly cut and as easily handled as a heavy crop of clover or parsley. Yet I have cut some very heavy crops of velvet beans very successfully with both one and two horse mowers, and while I have given the Kudzu to the extent of cutting with a mower, I see no reason why it should not be as easily cut and harvested, if not left until the vines get old and woody and rooted to the ground. After the first cutting each year the vines are short and thickly set and have no tendency to 'take'.

"It has been suggested by high authority that this vine might prove of inestimable value in reclaiming the worn out fields of the south, as well as preventing washes on the clay hill sides, as its roots penetrate the soil to a great depth in all directions, and the vines, taking root at the joints, are enabled to catch the drift on top and hold the soil beneath.

"If one is to judge its powers as a soil renovator or nitrogen gatherer from the number of bacteria nodules in the roots, it is certainly one of the stages of their growth, I have never seen its equal. The portion of a root shown in the accompanying cut bore 250 nodules, by actual count, and is but an average specimen, while I had on exhibition at Tampa and Jacksonville this last winter specimens showing upwards of two thousand of these nodules to the plant no larger than the one here shown.

Propagation and Planting

"The Kudzu produces numerous clusters of delicately fragrant blossoms of brilliant purple, much in the same manner as the wisteria, but so far as known rarely seeds in America, and is propagated by means of the rooted joints, set six to ten feet apart, and kept cultivated until the vines reach a height of six feet. It is then cut off at the base and the plant is ready to be set out. It is then cut off at the base and the plant is ready to be set out.

"The Kudzu seems to be adapted to any soil, rich or poor, wet or dry, though the richer the land the better it will succeed. When I bought my land eleven years ago it would not make over five bushels of corn per acre, it was so worn out and run down, being one of the oldest places in cultivation here. Since I have had it has not had enough fertilizer, all told (on the part where the vine is located) to make one generous application, and yet the Kudzu appears to be on rich land, and I cut thirty pounds of dry hay from a space of 15x15 feet in July, 1907, and in two weeks after it was nearly knee deep again. Vines from a mature plant have made the enormous growth of 23 feet in two weeks' time, with half a dozen side branches, some of them twelve feet long, yet that land has never been broken or cultivated in any way since years before the three plants were stuck out and allowed to fight their way among the weeds and briars.

"Bales of the hay and specimen roots and vines were on exhibition at the Gulf Coast and Florida State fairs the last two years, as well as at the Jamestown and Jacksonville exhibitions and Georgia state fair, and did not fail to create widespread interest wherever shown.

"I find that plants are best set out early in the spring of the year. I put out an acre in February, 1908, and

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